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WE HAVE MOVED

Our new location is in the new Salling building recently occupied by the Royal Cafe, and now we want the people of Crawford county to know that we are doing business at the new stand. We want you to get acquainted with our store and our service. Steady customers are what we want and if you once come here you will soon get the habit of coming here for all your needs in our line.

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\$2,000 FOR ARMY Y. M. C. A. FUND

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMITTEE MAKING STRONG CANVAS.

Business Men and Other Citizens are Generous Donors.

The drive to raise \$2,000 for the Army Y. M. C. A. is going forward and each day sees the amount subscribed greatly increased.

The campaign opened last Sunday and on Monday night there was a mass meeting at the High school auditorium where a talk by F. C. Wegener was given. Mr. Wegener is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Mt. Clemens and is also a member of the U. S. Aviation corps stationed at that place.

MASS MEETING AT SCHOOL HOUSE.

Prof. Otterbein acted as master of ceremonies. There were selections by the Grayling band after which the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Mitchell. After singing America and preliminary remarks by the chairman, Mr. Wegener was introduced.

He gave an outline of some of the work done by the Army Y. M. C. A. in America and abroad. He said it is hard to realize we are at war. He asked his auditors to picture the pacific conditions in America in contrast to the mind picture of conditions in France, Belgium, Russia and Italy, and then be thankful that the battles are not being fought on American soil.

Among other things the speaker said in part: It is the duty of every American citizen to use every element to bring the war to a successful close. America is right and we never went into battle except for the right.

At present there are 39 million men under arms, and seven million have been killed. This vast body of soldiers must be served by someone, and that is the work the Army Y. M. C. A. is doing.

In speaking of Russia he said, Russia has buried three million soldiers; Russia is sick and war-weary. During the early part of the war she did noble work and he assured his audience that throughout all this adversity, Russia is going to stick by the Allies. He gave many striking illustrations of the noble work being done by the Y. M. C. A. and told how important it was in helping to win the war.

Just one instance of the many he mentioned, we will give our readers. This happened after General Pershing had made an inspection of the soldier camps of France and England. There he found the fighting spirit of the men at a low ebb, and the men weary. The high military officials of those countries appealed to General Pershing for a remedy and he replied that there was but one remedy and that was to establish in the army camps the American Y. M. C. A. "Can you do it?" was the eager question. Well, you bet Pershing could do it, and did. There are now 500 American Y. M. C. A. secretaries in

France, nearly 200 in Russia and hundreds to follow.

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Those receiving letters from soldiers in camp usually find them written on Y. M. C. A. stationery, and we may be assured they were written in Y. M. C. A. tents or headquarters. The "Y" at Camp Custer, Battle Creek furnishes 32,000 envelopes and many times that number of sheets of stationery every week free to the boys in camp. If anyone wants to know just how much the "Y" is appreciated by the soldiers, just ask any of them. Invariably they say "we cannot do without the Y. M. C. A."

The Y. M. C. A. is a strong counter

attraction against social evils and

vices that surround all army camps.

We must place every reasonable safe-

guard around our boys and the Y. M. C. A. is the biggest force we know of

today to do this work. It takes money

to run the army Y. M. C. A.

They are backed up by the U. S. govern-

ment and we are now being asked to

contribute from our purses 35 million

dollars for their support.

Crawford county is asked for \$2,000

as our quota. Now when the solicitors

call upon you please be prepared to

give, and give liberally. The fund is

already started and our business men

practically all head the list with \$25.00

each. The lumber companies are giv-

ing from \$1.00 to \$100.00 each. If

the committee don't see you, you may

Interesting Letter from France.

The following interesting letter received by a Gaylord lady and written by Miss Bertha Woodburn in France, is copied from the Gaylord Advance. Miss Woodburn is a Grayling girl and well known here. She was a nurse in Harper hospital, Detroit, and is at present a Red cross nurse at a base hospital, "somewhere in France."

Somewhere in France. Oct. 1, 1917.

We have had two very busy days. Saturday p. m. went on our trip to Napoleon's monument and it is a wonderful place, climbed way up to the top of the hill where he used to stand to view his troops and right well he could do it for you can see all over the country from up there. Grace and I had pictures taken up on the cement balcony playing double canfield. By the way, please send me a couple of new decks of cards, the ones you buy here have only 40 cards in, also in that box stick some jars of dried beef. We have used all we had and it tastes exceedingly good over here.

On our way up the mountain we stopped and ordered our dinner for 5:30 p. m., so it was all ready for us and a wonderful meal for 80 cents apiece or four francs each. Came home loaded down with roses of every color; the roses here in gardens are just like our hot house roses and as common as dandelions at home. Fare out was one franc return trip a distance of seven miles. We came home that night tired out but were up early yesterday a. m. and at it again.

Had a water battle in and outside

of my room in the a. m. before church. Frances wanted to get in and I would not let her so she started pitching water out with my transom. Church at 10:30 a. m. after which we made fudge for Geo. Smith, and then dinner and then a ball game between Roosevelt, Unit 15 and Unit 17, 8 to 4 in our favor. Quite a good ball game. Then rushed down to one of the stations to meet a troop train of U. S. soldiers going thru, stopped off here three hours and needless to say we missed our evening meal to talk English. The boys had not seen anyone speaking English since they left their boat, which was on the 20th but seemed like years and I well know how that seems, and then back home here for song service which was good, more so owing to the

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at Frederic.

The committee are all business men

and cannot give up all their time to

soliciting subscriptions and a general

county canvas cannot easily be made.

This matter is up to the people of

Crawford county and everybody is

urged to do all they can in the interest

of this worthy cause by giving liber-

ally.

Subscriptions received up to Wed-

nesday night are as follows:

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In a letter addressed to Mrs. L. J. Kraus, and written by Miss Bertha Woodburn, a Red Cross nurse now in France, she says: "The Y. M. C. A. is a wonderful organization, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have any comforts at all."

Think of this coming from a nurse. If they are deprived of comforts, cer-

tainly the soldiers in the trenches will

fare much worse.

What Michigan Soldiers Say.

The captain of a Grand Rapids com-

pany was ask a favor. He came back:

"You're from the Y. M. C. A., are

you? It's all right then. Anything

you want that we can get is yours."

"Bill" says: "she's nice high—the

Y. M. C. A. Since I came to Custer

I've tumbled to the fact of what a

really big thing the Y. M. C. A. is.

COST OF BUILDING CUSTER \$7,000,000

CAMP FINALLY FINISHED, ALTHO
OVER A MONTH BEHIND
THE SCHEDULE.

PRUDEN TO FIX COAL PRICES

State Fuel Director Given Authority
to Set Price of Michigan Pro-
ducts at Mines.

Lansing. Camp Custer, the home of the 35th division of the national army, and the future home, it is expected, of other divisions, until the great war shall be fought to its close, was formally handed over the government November 15.

Four millions of dollars was the first estimate of the price. That amount, confidential authorities say, has long been forgotten. Today the cantonment stands the government close to \$7,000,000.

More than a month behind the schedule, the quartermaster's construction department, is entitled to high praise for its work, which, wonderful enough under any conditions, has been made yet more wonderful by the tremendous handicaps under which it has labored.

Constant changing of plans probably worked more havoc with the speed record at Camp Custer than in any other of the new army cantonments. The government has found it necessary to make several additions to the camp capacity, adding a large number of buildings which were not included in the first estimate.

Yet wonderful speed has been made. One need but look at this tremendous city, built to house almost 10,000 men and think that it has sprung from the corn and wheat fields of July 1, to realize how great the accomplishment has been. Now it is a model community with sewers, light, heat and water, in every one of its thousand dwellings.

Pruden to fix Price of State Coal.

Power to fix the price at the mine of coal produced in Michigan and sold in the state to consumers for consumption in the commonwealth has been delegated to W. K. Pruden, state-fuel administrator, by Dr. Garfield, national fuel administrator.

Mr. Pruden is holding a series of conferences and consultations and is having investigations made which will determine the price which producers of coal in Michigan mines may charge for their output.

Just when this work will be finished and basic prices set is not known by Mr. Pruden.

In a conference with C. S. Cunningham, railroad commissioner, Frank H. Alfred, president of the Pere Marquette railroad, said that encouraging reports had been received from the national council of defense in which foreign equipment was to be given the Pere Marquette lines for the movement of coal supplies.

Such action would be a step in the relief of cities and towns on the line which have been suffering a coal shortage through the inability of the line serving them to procure equipment for coal movement.

State Ready for Next Loan Drive.

Michigan is ready for the third Liberty loan, whenever it comes, and in the next campaign will sell a much larger number of bonds, and for a vastly greater aggregate amount than in either the first or second loans.

That was the sentiment at a dinner given at Detroit in honor of the chairman and their associates in the 35th counties of the eastern half of the lower peninsula of Michigan who directed the work of placing the second Liberty loan in that part of the state.

Chairmen from 15 counties attended, besides Frederick R. Fenton, Chicago, chairman of the Michigan division of the Federal Reserve bank for the seventh reserve district, in which Michigan is located, and A. W. Bullard, Chicago, secretary of the seventh district reserve bank.

Monroe-Toledo Road to Be Rusted.

At a meeting of the war preparedness board it was voted to expend \$55,000 in completing the road between Detroit and Toledo. Monroe county will contribute \$15,000. This is a temporary road to make the way passable for trucks between Detroit and Toledo. The permanent road, which is in a process of litigation between bonding companies, will also be rushed to completion.

Employment Bureau Place 9,488.

Positions were obtained for 8,551 men and 932 women by state free employment bureaus during October. Detroit led in placing both sexes. On men employed the other bureaus ranked as follows: Flint, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Jackson, Battle Creek, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Bay City.

State Will Aid U. of M. Cadets.

The war board has authorized the expenditure of money to complete the equipment of not more than 2,000 University of Michigan student cadets.

President Hutchins, Dean Cooley and Lieutenant Muller said that arrangements had been made for the organization of the corps, but the government would only allow fourteen dollars a man for uniforms. The board voted to furnish the rest of the money estimated to be about ten dollars a man.

Phone Rate Raise Protested.

Citizens of 42 towns appeared before the railroad commission and objected to raise in rates by the Michigan State Telephone company. The burden of the complaints was either that the rates were too high or that they were not commensurate with the service given. On behalf of the telephone company figures showing the investment in each one of the exchanges mentioned and the expenditure down to an investment for each telephone were given.

Custer Holds First Review.

In the presence of an immense "gallery," two-thirds feminine, the Eighty-fifth division of the new National army marched in its first review at Camp Custer last week.

It was the largest military demonstration ever held in Michigan. The review itself was a splendid spectacle. In the dignified presence of Major-General Dickman and his distinguished guests from the British and French armies, 15,000 men wheeled across the parade ground, in platoon formation. No fancy evolutions were attempted, but the division had the appearance of a military machine.

As inspiring as was the review itself, a massing of 15,000 men in uniform under the observing eyes of official representatives of three allied nations, the real thrill came to those who, two or three months ago, saw these men straggle into camp, in civilian clothing, untrained, dressed in a thousand varieties of clothing, and generally disinterested, to all appearances, in military life.

The change in these men is remarkable. They marched well, saluted with snap and well merited the tremendous cheering they received. Major-General Dickman was obviously much impressed by the showing of the new army, while the townspeople and visitors from about the state could scarcely believe their eyes.

Although the largest military spectacle ever held in Michigan, this record cannot long be allowed to stand, for by the time another review is carried for there will be 36,000 men to participate.

Unit of Objectors Formed.

Holding fast to religious tenets varying from those most commonly accepted, varying from prohibitions against selling in sex protection to protest against meat-eating and Saturday drilling, Camp Custer's conscientious objectors are now formed in one company, the twenty-third of the depot brigade.

For a time when these men first came to camp, they were confined in barracks and later in the guardhouse, because of their refusal to don the army uniform and participate in drilling. It was believed a scant diet and confinement would break their audacity and make them pliable for shaping into soldiers. There was no desire on the part of division officials to pounce upon them the severe penalties provided in such cases.

But, so sincere and well-grounded were their beliefs that shouldering a rifle and firing at enemies would bar them forever from the mansions in the skies, that the punishment inflicted had no effect at all, and it was decided until a final disposition is made of them to form them into one company.

So far as possible the whims of each one are allowed to have sway, police duty and other work, which are not in line of preparation for direct engagements in battle, being their main occupations.

British Officers Arrive at Custer.

In line with a previously announced policy of the war department to have attached to each division such foreign officers as are necessary to impart information regarding European warfare that is essential before going overseas. 11 English officers have arrived at Camp Custer.

The new officers are quartered with the French officers in the foreign officers' barracks and will probably remain with the division until it goes overseas. Berlin reports the capture of Asiago, and is nearly a dozen miles, however, from Asiago to the Venetian plains, the Austro-German objective, with the route running through a hilly country lending itself admirably to defense. This was shown in the Austrian offensive of 1916, when the enemy was halted in the Asiago region.

Police Nab 41 SUFFRAGISTS

Big Parade Before White House Is Spoiled By Arrests.

Washington—Forty-one militant suffragists were arrested at the gate of the White House Saturday when the biggest demonstration the National women's party has conducted was staged.

Prisoners represented a dozen states and many have served jail terms for attempting to force their banners on the attention of President Wilson.

The fact must be faced that this variation can scarcely be equalized in the two months of the training schedule which remain. Naturally the new men will progress rapidly as the camp is better organized, and the routine has been firmly established.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES

Many soldiers and officers now spend Saturday or Sunday in Kalamazoo. The new interurban line between the camp and that city is running on a fast schedule and is doing a heavy business.

The four guns which have arrived for the artillery are distinguished by having been under fire. The steel shields are dent and nicked by bullets fired at them at 100-yard range to test them. The guns are the latest American model.

Officers who are compelled to wear hairy uniforms are sighing for some of the good old German or British woven and dyed cloths which gave such satisfactory wear. Cloth used now is not only very expensive, but its wearing qualities are dangerously low.

Four three-inch field pieces, eight caskets and 12 umbrellas finally drove off at Camp Custer to give the artillery joy. The guns have been divided between the 128th and 329th artillery the light regiments, the 330th which needs heavy pieces being shut out.

Camp Custer is not in danger or a coal shortage, no matter what happens to the rest of the state. Coal will be raised in the city to come at the rate of 50 carloads a day. The coal will continue to come at the rate of 50 carloads a day until there is a surplus of 50,000 tons on hand.

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Coal Vein Found at St. Johns.

St. Johns—St. Johns and vicinity may yet laugh at "Old King Coal." While driving a well on the Dunn farm, one mile west of here, a coal vein has been found. It is more than five feet thick. A company to sink shafts is in process of organization here.

Coal Vein Wants Curfew.

Mt. Clemens—Agitation has been started for a curfew in the city to keep young boys and girls off the streets in the evening.

Where The Men Stop For Their Hot Chocolate On Their Way to "Go Over The Top" On The Flanders Front



In these dug-outs, the soldier gets his last hot chocolate and his last word of cheer before he goes over the top. Word comes that America's secretaries are serving American soldiers in dugouts like these in France. British secretaries since the start of the war have had their dugouts close up behind the first fighting line far within the range of the enemy's fire.

SOUSA'S BAND IS HELPING NAVY

Famous Leader and Band of 300 in Detroit to Boost Recruiting.

Detroit—Michigan's and Detroit's "drive" to recruit their quota of 1,000 of the 20,000 men the United States navy wants immediately, reached flood-tide with the arrival in this city Monday afternoon of Lieutenant John Philip Sousa, the world's greatest bandmaster, and his band of nearly 300 pieces, from the Great Lakes Naval Training station, near Chicago.

A series of concerts throughout the week, in connection with other special "doings" has worked enthusiasm in the city to a high pitch.

BREAD-PRICE EXPECTED TO DROP

Government Regulations Will Rule Baking Industry.

Washington—The average cost of manufacturing baker's bread, as shown in a report to the food administration by federal trade commission investigators, is slightly less than seven and one-half cents a pound. The ingredient cost is 83 and the selling cost 17 per cent.

On the basis of the report, the food administration has drawn regulations governing the baking industry, which will be put into force in the immediate future.

Under rules as drawn, prices are expected to fall.

Bakeries in which investigations were conducted were wholesale establishments and chain store bakeries.

OIL KING GIVES "Y" \$1,000,000

Rockefeller Foundation Also Promises 10 Per Cent of Total Fund Raised.

New York—Rockefeller foundation has promised to give outright \$1,000,000 toward the \$35,000,000 war work fund of the Young Men's Christian association and to give in addition 10 per cent of the entire amount raised. Its total contribution not to exceed \$3,500,000 was announced Monday.

Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the foundation, in announcing the gift said:

"One who visits the camps must be impressed with the efficiency of the Y. M. C. A. national organization."

RUSS "RULERS" NOT RECOGNIZED

Embassy at Washington Ignores the Maximalist Government.

Washington—The Russian embassy would refuse to accept the authority of the Maximalist government.

Statement issued by the Russian embassy said:

"The Petrograd events are a revolt of a party against a national government. The Maximalists are in no way representative of the whole of Russia. If they have succeeded in seizing power and form a Maximalist government, such a government cannot express the will of the nation. Consequently, the Russian embassy in Washington will refuse to accept its authority."

State Troops Are Now Guard.

Lansing—The Michigan state troops not under pay from the state are now practically its national guard. The war preparedness board has turned over the entire disposition of them to the surviving state national guard officers, Adjutant-General Bersey and Quartermaster General Rogers. All orders to the troops hereafter will go through the office of Adjutant-General Bersey, and all the equipment, etc., must be secured through the office of Quartermaster General Rogers.

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Milk Prices Going Skyward.

Flint—Flint milk dealers say prices will go to 15 cents a quart by Christmas.

UNITED STATES IN WAR CONFERENCE

Participates for the First Time in Allies' Council in Paris.

HOUSE HEAD OF COMMISSION

Board Now in Europe is Expected to Urge Adoption of Policy of Greater Unity in Prosecution of Hostilities.

Washington.—The United States is ready to participate for the first time in a military conference to be held by all the allies. An American commission, headed by Col. E. M. House, chief unofficial adviser of President Wilson, is already in Europe, clothed with authority to commit the United States government to any agreement that may be reached by the Paris conference.

Colonel House and his associates are expected to urge the adoption of a policy of greater unity in the prosecution of the war.

One of the possibilities is the creation of a joint war council with supreme power to direct the disposition of troops and to apportion munitions and other economic resources among the allies.

Makeup of Commission.

The American war commission consists of the following members:

Col. E. M. House, chairman, who will act as the spokesman of President Wilson on questions pertaining to the general policies of the conduct of the war.

Admiral W. S. Benson, chief of naval operations, U. S. N., who will participate in the formulation of plans for the employment of the combined naval forces of the allies.

"While a definite program has not been adopted, it may be assumed that the subjects to be discussed will embrace not only those pertaining to military and naval operations but also the financial, commercial, economic, and other phases of the present situation which are of vital importance to the successful prosecution of the war.

"There undoubtedly will be an effort to avoid any conflict of interests among the participants, and there is every reason to believe that the result will be a fuller co-operation, and consequently a much higher efficiency and a more vigorous prosecution of the war.

"The United States, in the employment of its man power and material resources, deserves to use them to the greatest advantage against Germany. It has been no easy problem to determine how they can be used most effectively, since the independent presentation of requirements by the allied governments have been more or less conflicting on account of each government's appreciation of its own wants, which are naturally given greater importance than the wants of other governments.

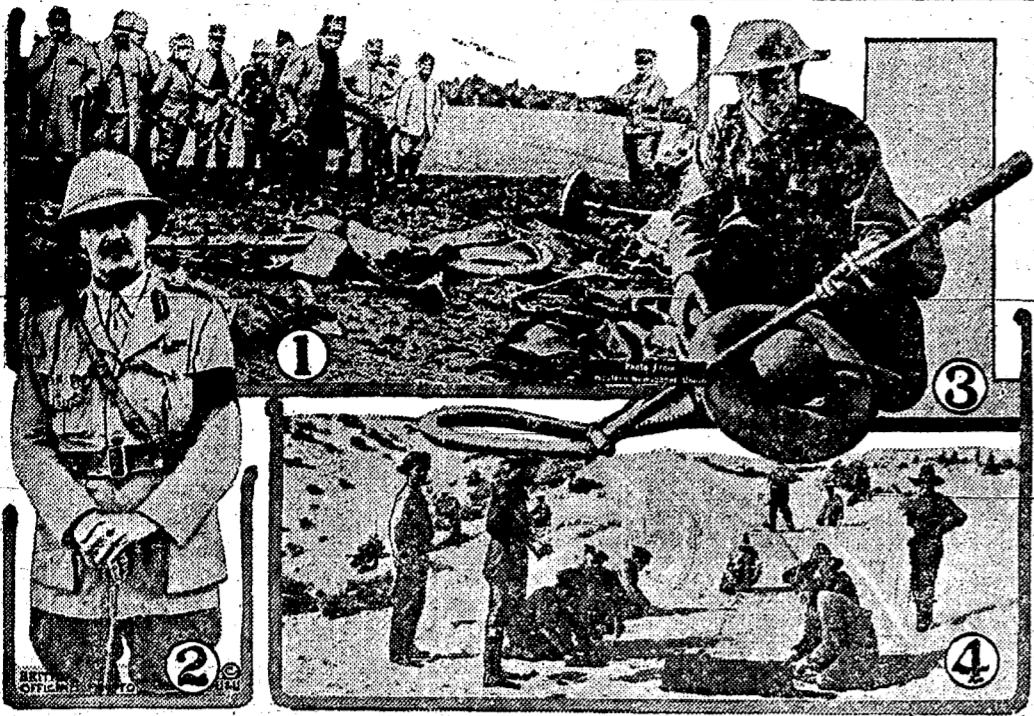
"By a general survey of the whole situation and a free discussion of the needs of all, the approaching conference will undoubtedly be able to give to the demands of the several governments their true perspective and proper place in the general plan for the conduct of the war.

Limit to Resources.

"Though the resources of this country are vast and though there is every purpose to devote them all, if need be, to winning the war, they are not without limit. But even if they were greater they should be used to the highest advantage in attaining the supreme object for which we are fighting. This can only be done by a full and frank discussion of the plans and needs of the various belligerents.

"It is the earnest wish of this government to employ its military and naval forces and its resources and energies where they will give the greatest return in advancing the common cause. The exchange of views which will take place at the conference and the conclusions which will be reached will be of the highest value in preventing waste of energy and in bringing into luminous the activities of the nations which have been unprofitably acting in a measure independently.

"In looking forward to the assembling of this conference it cannot be too strongly emphasized that it is a war conference and nothing else, devoted to devising ways and means to intensify the efforts of the belligerents against Germany by platoons to operate under a general plan and thus bring the conflict to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion."



1—Wreckage of two German airplanes and bodies of the pilots, brought down on the west front. 2—Gen. Sir Edmund Allenby, commander of the British forces in Palestine, who has taken Beersheba and Gaza. 3—Captured German flammenwerfer or liquid fire projector. 4—British engineers laying a wire road across the Sinai desert for the advance on Gaza and Jerusalem.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Kerensky and His Government Overthrown by Maximalists Led by Lenin.

PRO-GERMANS RULE IN RUSSIA

Immediate Peace First on Their Program—Retreat of Italians Continues—British Take Highly Important Passchendaele Ridge—America's War Mission to Paris.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD. Kerensky and the provisional government of Russia have fallen; the Maximalists led by Nikolai Lenin, pro-German agitators, are in the saddle; the premier has fled; five or more of the members of his cabinet are under arrest; immediate peace with the central powers will be offered by the extreme radicals in control. Such is the dispiriting news that comes from the Slav republic, so called. Chaos exists there and a continued reign of anarchy is the prospect.

The only hopeful feature of the situation is that, as Ambassador Bakhmetoff says, the revolt is a revolt of the few against the many. The Maximalists control Petrograd and probably the fortress of Kronstadt, but they have all Russia to reckon with, and especially the Cossacks who have no sympathy with the plan to make a separate peace with the central powers. M. Bakhmetoff feels sure that the majority of the Russians who followed Kerensky are with the provisional government heart and soul, understanding that Russia's freedom can be assured only by the defeat of Germany by the allies, and will fight to the end. The spirit prevailing in Petrograd, he asserts, is not representative of the Russian spirit as a whole.

Loyal Women Fight the Rebels. Of all the armed forces in and about the capital it appears that the women's battalion alone remained loyal to the government. It was stationed at the winter palace and when that building was attacked by the cruiser Aurora and the guns of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, it fought as bravely as possible until overwhelmed and compelled to surrender. The battle lasted four hours and was spectacular. The rebels brought up armored cars to aid in overcoming the resistance of the heroic women. There was no chance to call other loyal troops to Petrograd; for the leaders of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates had sealed the posts and telegraphs.

The rebel congress was convened Wednesday night, the officers elected including Lenin and Leon Trotsky. Several of them stated the program of the new authority to be:

"First—The offer of an immediate democratic peace.

"Second—The immediate handing over of large proprietorship lands to the peasants.

"Third—The transmission of all authority to the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates.

"Fourth—The honest convocation of a constitutional assembly."

It is believed in London that Kerensky will re-establish the provisional government in Moscow and that the Soviet will not be strong enough to hold out long against him. For the present, however, the pro-Germans have the upper hand.

Italians Retreat to the Livenza.

As had been expected, Count Cattaneo did not attempt to make a long stand on the Tagliamento river line against the on-sweeping Austro-German armies, but fell back last week to the Livenza, twelve to eighteen miles west. The enemy followed closely, and the prospect was that the Italians would speedily be forced back to the Piave, where their main armies already were being established. Ca-

dorna issued an order including in the zone of military operations all territory north and east of the Po and Mincio rivers, so that they consider the possibility of carrying his retreat much farther than the Piave. Whether this will be necessary evidently depends on the speed with which France, Great Britain and America can get men, guns and supplies to the Italian front. Guns and supplies especially are called for by the Italians.

The victory of the Germans in Italy will be far from complete unless they can capture Venice. The German commanders already have hinted that they will attack that city from the air, and naval operations against it are more than possible in the immediate future.

As was said before, the invasion served to bring about a swift union of all factions in Italy, and the government, while realizing the extreme gravity of the situation, is confident that the enemy will fail to accomplish their military object as they have their political object. The Italian armies are maintaining order and discipline and are cheerful, and the rear guards are fighting valiantly to retard the advance of the Teutons.

As in Russia, formerly, so in Italy, the farther the invaders penetrate, the more dangerous becomes their own position. They are moving away from their bases of supply, and must rebuild the lines of communication destroyed by the Italians in their retreat. Cattaneo, on the other hand, gains the protection of rivers larger than the Tagliamento, of many canals and of numerous railroads that are able to furnish all the transportation his troops need.

British Gain Passchendaele Ridge. Sir Douglas Haig's prolonged drive in Flanders, which is becoming a regular weekly feature, accomplished most important results last week, when the Canadians succeeded in taking the village of Passchendaele and the ridge of the same name which dominates the country to the east. The drive was made under most adverse conditions, the ground being flooded by torrential rains, but the British barrage fire was perfect and the infantry followed it so closely that the Germans in their concrete dugouts and pill boxes were stormed before they had time to get into action. This advance brought Routhiers under the guns of the British, and their aviators began to bomb that town with deadly effect.

Following up the retreating crown prince's army north of the Aisne, the French reached the south bank of the Aisne, but the Germans maintained their line on the other side of that stream by heavy and continuous artillery fire. Elsewhere on the French front all enemy attacks were successfully repulsed.

General Allenby reported that his troops in Palestine advanced beyond Beersheba with splendid dash and endurance and that on Wednesday he captured Gaza from the Turks.

American Patrol Boat Torpedoed. The German U-boats found one American victim in the patrol boat Alcedo, which was torpedoed and sunk in British waters, going down in four minutes after being struck. Lieut. John T. Melvin and 20 men were lost. The Alcedo was formerly the private yacht of G. W. Childs Drexel of Philadelphia. She carried a crew of seven officers and 85 men. The American merchant steamship Rochester also was destroyed by a torpedo, at least four men losing their lives. An American freighter arriving at an Atlantic port reported that her gun crew sank a German submersible that attempted to torpedo her in the Mediterranean.

In general, the U-boats had a poor week, the British admiralty report showing that only eight British vessels of more than 1,000 tons had been sunk, and four smaller vessels. This is the smallest number of victims for any week since unrestricted submarine warfare began.

Von Hertling May Not Last. Count von Hertling isn't likely to be German chancellor for very long, for unless he yields to the demands of the radicals, they intend to introduce a resolution of lack of confidence as soon as the Reichstag reconvenes on November 22. The count seems to have fallen under complete control of the militarists and Junkers and is now

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Senator Knox's curiosity was such that he demanded an explanation.

"It's the stoutest bit of wood ever cut in Virginia," said the owner.

"Quite a good deal of it," observed the Pennsylvania senator. "Do you know that if that stick were cut in two, and one of the parts had a nice silver head on it, it would make a most appropriate gift for a friend?"

"Not on your life," responded the gentleman from Alabama, quick to reject the hint. "This was sent to me by a friend. I am going to take it down-home if you fellows ever get through wind-jamming here and adjourn. It will be just the thing for me to use when I go prowling around my farm."

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Mrs. Frank Woodruff and daughter, Mrs. Gould spent last week in Bay City.

Carl Peterson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson last Friday.

Mrs. William Blaine of Beaverton is in the city for a few days' visit with old friends.

Mrs. Thomas Brisboe visited in Bay City last Saturday, returning on the evening train.

A special session of the County board of supervisors is called for Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Miss Edith Alstrom spent Sunday visiting her sister, Miss Rhena Alstrom in East Jordan.

Dr. C. A. Caulfield and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis drove to Gladwin Sunday and returned home Tuesday.

Edna Moher has returned home from Powerville, she says to start divorce proceedings and to settle other business matters.

George C. Holliday of St. Charles, here for a few days' deer hunting and is a guest of his brother, John A. Holliday and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strehl of Manistee visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Brown here last Friday, and also friends.

Please take notice that our telephone number has been changed to 1553, mark it in your book. Peter F. J. Ferguson's Livery Barn. 11-12

The Ladies' National League is being entertained this afternoon by Miss Marquette Katzeck at her home, assisted by Mesdames Collen, Austin, Havens and Holliday.

The Citizens' band are giving a series of dancing parties, that are being very much enjoyed, especially by the young people. One last Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Sarah Phelps returned last week from a visit with friends in West Branch. She was accompanied home by Mrs. J. W. Livingstone, who spent a few days here visiting at the J. C. Burton home.

Miss Salome Friberg, returned last Friday morning to her home in Chicago, after having spent the summer here. Miss Friberg with her mother spent their summers here on account of the former's health. Mrs. Friberg expects to remain a couple of weeks longer.

Mrs. Scott, wife of Supervisor Oliver B. Scott, of South Branch township, was operated upon for appendicitis at Mercy Hospital here yesterday, by Dr. C. C. Curnalia of Roscommon. Latest reports are that the operation was successful and the patient getting along nicely.

Mrs. Charles Amidon is visiting her son, Ray and family in Flint.

Why not get that watch from Hathaway's? On time if you prefer.

Charles Phillips of West Branch spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Eno Milnes and family visited his mother, Mrs. O. Milnes the latter part of the week.

John Lamotte left Tuesday morning for Detroit to find employment. His wife and baby will go later.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russel H. Colter November 3, a baby girl, mother and child are doing nicely.

Ernest Richards has purchased the Max Landsberg pool room and restaurant and took possession today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Amidon of Flint are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kathryn Maxine, born Nov. 14th.

Mrs. John Kelly of Bay City is in the city and will remain for some time with her husband who is employed in the R. Hanson & sons mill as filer.

Do you desire the best corset for durability, style and comfort? Drop a card to Mrs. J. H. McKone, the Spirella corsetiere in Grayling, and she will answer in person at once.

Justice William McCullough is in Grand Rapids where he is receiving treatment for a cancer of the lip. He was accompanied by his son George, who returned home after a few days.

All ladies having articles for the Ladies' Aid fair, that is to be held in Danebod hall next week Wednesday, are requested to send them to the home of Mrs. T. W. Hanson next Monday evening.

There is nothing that is so important to you as your eye-sight. Place it above money value. We aim to give perfection in lenses and mountings rather than to cheapness in dollars and cents.

Miss Blanche Bloudin left Saturday for Detroit to take the State examination for nurses, having completed her course here at the Mercy Hospital training school, and also having taken post-graduate course in a children's hospital in Detroit.

James W. Sorenson, agent for the Scandinavian live steam ships has received notice from the Company that S. S. "Helsing Olav" will sail from New York for Scandinavian points Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 2:00 p. m. This is a special notice for people to get out their Xmas mail at once.

There was a meeting of the stockholders of the local lumber companies here yesterday. Those from out of the city in attendance were O. S. Hawes, F. C. Burden, Frank and Axel Michelson of Detroit and E. J. Cornwall of Saginaw. Last evening they enjoyed a dinner party at Shoppema-

son's Inn.

Scott Loader of Detroit was in the city last Monday on business and incidentally calling on many old friends.

This is his first visit here since moving to Detroit three years ago. He is looking fine and says he likes Detroit very much. While here Mr. Loader sold his residence on Ottawa street to Tony Nelson.

Special Holiday offer—Plate and 100 engraved cards for \$1.50. This is the price you paid five years ago, before the enormous raise in prices of all commodities. This offer will close December 15. Don't wait but order at once and assure yourself against disappointment of late delivery. Avalanche office.

Prof. Otterbein gave the Boy Scouts a nice compliment, when he told the audience at the close of the Y. M. C. A. mass meeting at the school house Monday evening, that the improved order in the halls was due to their vigilance. One trouble is we don't trust our Scouts enough with responsibility. They are worthy and ever ready to shoulder responsibility in any worthy cause.

The Board of education has been extremely fortunate in prevailing upon Mrs. Otterbein to take up the work of teaching physical education in the schools. She has had special training in this branch of work at Mt. Pleasant Normal college and is splendidly equipped for this work. Physical training had been dropped in our schools because of the lack of a qualified teacher since Mr. Bungard withdrew from his contract, to teach in the Greenfield, Ohio, schools.

William Burt of Beaver Creek, has re-opened the Nels Olson livery and feed stables on Cedar street, and is now doing business. Since Mr. Olson closed out the business last spring, Grayling has been without a feed stable, much to the inconvenience of the farmers and others coming to the city. Mr. Burt says that he has eight horses ready for business. They will also do teaming, hauling and a general feed business, and have horses for sale. Frank Millikin of Beaver Creek is assisting him in the work.

Friends of Hardin Sweeney will be pleased to learn of his rapid advancement in the military service of the country. One year ago he was a private in Uncle Sam's regular army; in December he won a second lieutenant's commission; early last spring he passed and was commissioned a first lieutenant, and now he has successfully passed examination for captain, and awaits commission, which by this time he may have already received. This is a remarkable record for a young man of 21 years. "Capt." Sweeney is a graduate of Grayling school, class of 1915, and was a former employee in the Avalanche office. He was especially keen in mathematics, his class-mates say, and this no doubt has assisted him in his military career. We stated once before that we hoped that some day he would become a "General" and we haven't changed our minds. Go after 'em, "Cyclone."

CALLED FOR MILITARY DUTY.

3rd Contingent Crawford County Boys to Leave Here Nov. 22.

Third contingent of Crawford County boys for the National Army are ordered to report in Grayling at 9:00 a. m. Thursday Nov. 22.

After reporting the men will then be under direct orders of the War department. A public meeting is being planned for the evening of that day to be held in the school auditorium, when a program will be rendered appropriate to the occasion.

Following are the names of those called to report:

John Middleton.

Lemuel C. Corning.

Stanley Plekna.

Daniel C. Babbitt.

Daniel H. Williams.

Thomas McGuire.

William T. E. Fruitt.

John D. Lamminon.

Ford Middleton.

Patrick V. O'Regan.

Walter S. Shaw.

Five alternates are called to be on hand and in case any of the regularly called men fail, for any reason to report, their numbers will be made up from the following:

Floyd L. Taylor.

Ed McDermid.

Robert Roblin.

Herbert Trudeau.

Gilbert Crum.

A special train to carry the men to Camp Custer, at Battle Creek is due to arrive here at 11:25 p. m. of the same day.

The meeting at the school house is public and everybody earnestly requested to be on hand to give the boys a good send-off.

Goodfellowship Club Notes.

The second meeting of the Club was held at the home of Mrs. George Alexander.

Roll call: Lessons of the summer.

It was voted to send \$2.00 to the Lloyd Starr Commonwealth for boys.

Also to have this matter presented to the other clubs of the town.

Moved and carried that the president appoint a committee to draw up

resolutions to be sent to the sheriff—recommending that inasmuch as women and children are annoyed and traffic held up on account of men lounging and loitering on certain corners of our main street, that, he do his utmost to clear the walk, and keep them in a fit condition for pedestrians, and that he instruct his officers to do the same.

Moved and carried that resolutions be sent to the Boy Scouts, offering our co-operation, as well as confidence in their ability to sell the Xmas tuberculositis seals.

Report of the State Federation was read by Mrs. Schumann.

Press Sec.

Auto Owners Please Note.

The Department of State, charged with collecting the State tax on motor vehicles, would be glad if those interested in registering cars by January 1st would send in their applications at once.

Holding back until January, by those who want plates immediately, imposes a great task on the Department and occasions delay and discomfort that can readily be avoided if applications are sent in this month or early in December. All those who will require plates are urged to take prompt action as suggested.

Our Branch Office, 200 Majestic Building, Detroit, is prepared to issue plates to those who call, but not by mail. Mail orders should be sent to Department at Lansing.

This Department has nothing to do with the collection of the U. S. Federal tax. Applications can be secured now at the offices of village, city, county clerks, sheriffs, and all garages.

NOTE

For the year 1917 to November 1st, registration under the Motor Vehicle Law was as follows:

Pleasure cars.....\$205,557

Commercial cars.....\$19,518

Chaufer.....\$1,651

Transfers.....\$10,882

Motor Cycles.....\$6,685

Mfrs. & Dealers.....\$50

Motor tax collected \$2,460,817.08

3,000 Men Wanted in Quartermaster Section Enlisted Reserve Corps.

The Quartermaster Enlisted Reserve corps require in the neighborhood of 3000 men to serve as clerks, blacksmiths, farriers, horseshoers, saddlers, storekeepers, tentmakers, wheelwrights, wagonmaster, assistant wagonmasters, skilled laborers, watchmen, packers, etc.

Any man between the ages of 18 and 42 is eligible for enlistment, provided he has not been called by his local board for examination, and is physically qualified.

Teamsters are especially wanted. Promotion in non-commissioned officers grades are very rapid for men of ability and experience in their particular trade.

There is being established near Jacksonville, Florida, a camp for the training of Quartermaster Enlisted men and it is contemplated sending all men enlisted in the Quartermaster corps to that camp for training in Quartermaster corps work.

Further information and application blank will be gladly furnished on request to Ralph B. Innes, Captain, Q. M. U. S. R.

Room 225, Federal Building, Chicago, Ill.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

Services are held in the "Danebod" every Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock.

COMFORT FOR THE SOLDIERS.

DuPont Employees Make Up Fund For Xmas Smokes.

For a brief time the Avalanche conducted a tobacco fund department for benefit of American soldiers in France. This was discontinued several weeks ago and the account closed up, after most successful free-will donations.

However some of the boys at the Du Pont plant felt that they wished to add a little cheer for the boys in the trenches and thru the assistance of T. W. Fenton collected the neat sum of \$5.25 to be applied to the tobacco fund.

The subscriptions were received by the Avalanche Monday and that night the list of names of the donors and the amount donated were on their way to the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., 215 Fifth Ave., New York City, who will do the rest. We hope the packages will reach the boys in time for Xmas.

Those who have never enjoyed the "weed" will never know the comfort that is derived from smoking. Especially so when one is on foreign soil, far from friends and home comforts.

Really it is fine of the Du Pont men to think of a Xmas donation. Whether the donors ever hear from the recipients of the packages or not, they may rest assured that their kindness is fully appreciated.

Following is the list of donors for the Xmas tobacco fund; all of whom are employed at the Du Pont plant in this city:

August Velders, L. B. Howard, A. Lagrow, Louis LaMotte, Jr., Roy N. Case, Ebbot Lagrow, Dolph Charron, Barney Penn, Wm. H. Johnston, George Willet, Julius Geline, Otto Staudacker, Louis Larson, Francis McDermid, Arthur Ostrander, John Bell, Glenn Owen, Joe LaDuc, Clayton Tennant, and T. W. Fenton.

Amusement for Everyone.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will hold their bazaar next Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Danebod hall.

Don't forget to come and bring the kiddies. There will be a booth just for the children. Balloons by the hundred, all sizes and colors; doll's dresses; coats and hats; popcorn balls; and many other things to please the babies.

Another booth will contain knitting bags—plain and fancy, and many of them beautiful and rich. Any woman will be proud to carry one of these bags.

Still another booth will hold all kinds of canned fruit, jam, jellies, pickles, etc. Add to your winter sup-

plies. Then there will be booths containing fancy articles, gowns of all sizes and styles, rag rugs, kitchen holders and many other useful articles.

In the evening coffee and sandwich es will be served and there will be a fine musical program. The boys New Orchestra will play several selections, Miss Yuill will play piano selections and there will be a chorus of little folks to sing, "The American Tipperary."

Ladies bring your husbands in the evening—let them have their fortunes told by a real palmist. Last of all, not least—"Ye old times village post office." Come and hear the funny local jokes and receive your parcel post packages, and have your post cards read before the audience. Two charming ladies will have charge of the village post office, and will keep you feeling good-natured by their witicism.

Danish hall.

Have you seen the new

UNBREAKABLE VACUUM BOTTLE?

The Ferrostat

in one and two quart sizes

They are the best ever offered the public and positively guaranteed against breakage. Ask to see them.

Central Drug Store

Grayling, Michigan

Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor

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One Year.....\$1.50

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 15



A Few "Pat" Sayings From the Moderator Topics.

Save fuel, save food.

Substitute clothes for fuel.

Spendthrifts are a public menace.

Not only be right but be a champion of right.

We are not saving or conserving, we fatten our pocketbooks, but to fatten our famishing friends.

Good football players are never afraid of doing too much. Neither are good students, or good citizens in life a game.

Every youngster in school should have regular and daily drill in physical exercise. Let there be no slackening in this respect.

Are you hitting the stride? Seven

wheatless, 14 meatless, and 21 wasteless meals per week? That's one practical measure of your patriotism.

Shut off heat and lights when not absolutely needed— even for short periods. Common sense thrift is never niggardliness; least of all in these days of famine.

The American citizen who is able to take a Liberty bond and does not measure up to his ability is, in veritable a slacker as any poor, cowardly devil who tries to shirk giving service to his country. Come across or go across.

Conscript the property of the wealthy traitorous, pro-German slacker; give him steerage passage in a slow sailing schooner to the land of his choice via the Bering Straits, Arctic Ocean and the mine zones. Let him sail under a banner bearing the peace-made famous by the German ambassador to Argentina, "spurlos versenkt." Since he chooses Prussian anti-cracy, let him have a taste of its influence.

Teachers, through your persistent, thoughtful, effective work in molding the lives and character of America's future citizens, we shall establish the eternal principles of liberty, freedom, justice, and humanity so thoroughly in the hearts of men that the tyranny of hell masked as kaisers can never overthrow them." —Cadmian.

Get your tires and tubes at Burke's garage.

Round Oak heating stoves and Round Oak Chief range, 11-11-11. F. R. Deckrow.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE AVALANCHE

SENATOR BANKHEAD CARRIES "BIG STICK"

Washington.— Senator Bankhead of Alabama started his colleagues by stalking into the chamber just before the recent adjournment with the aid of a hickory stick six feet long. The senator is no lightweight and he towers over the average man, but a prop so entirely out of all accepted proportions caused comment.

Senator Knox's curiosity was such that he demanded an explanation.

"It's the stoutest bit of wood ever cut in Virginia," said the owner.

"Quite a good deal of it," observed the Pennsylvania senator. "Do you know that if that stick were cut in two, and one of the parts had a nice silver head on it, it would make a most appropriate gift for a friend?"

"Not on your life," responded the gentleman from Alabama, quick to reject the hint. "This was sent to me by a friend. I am going to take it down home if you fellows ever get through wind-tampering here and elsewhere. It will be just the thing for me to use when I go prowling around my farm."

GET LEATHER FROM SHARKS

Series of Tests by Government Shows That Product is Durable and Satisfactory

New London, Conn.—A contract for 1,000 shark hooks, 300 to be completed in ten days and 700 in twenty days after the first consignment, has been awarded by the government to J. W. Fordham, a blacksmith, of this vicinity.

There are to be three varieties of hook, eleven, ten and nine inches in length. A chain and swivel are to be attached to each hook.

It is reported from a Washington correspondent that the government is about to prospect in a new leather field, that of shark skins. In a series of tests a durable and satisfactory leather has been evolved from the skins of these fish. It is believed there is no reason why an industry may not be profitably started.

WORKS FOR NATIONAL UNITY



Theodore N. Vail, who is head of the League for National Unity, organized recently with the approval of President Wilson, is preparing an intensive campaign for the unification of public opinion in the war. Mr. Vail is president of the American Telegraph and Telephone company.

NICK CARTER IS IN ECLIPSE

Boy Readers Want Airmen or Submarine Captains for Heroes Instead of Old Thrillers.

Denver, Colo.—A canvas of bookstalls in Denver—the very center of romantic "wild and wooly"—shows that the kaiser has put the western brand of romance out of business. As one dealer explained it "with the war sentiment sweeping the land, young Amerlot has tired of Deadwood Dick, Old Broad Brum, King Brady and Nick Carter, and demands a hero-patterned after the dashing aviation capitals or the submarine commander."

Gains 200 Pounds as Soldier, Syracuse, N. Y.—There is nothing the matter with United States Army "chuck."

Sergeant Imhoff, a quartermaster's corps, stationed at the Syracuse expansion camp, retired after living on Uncle Sam's "chuck" for twenty-seven years.

Imhoff weighed 125 when he enlisted and 325 when he retired, and, as he is said to be the largest soldier in the world, credit cannot be withheld.

Draft Leaves Only Aliens.

Wellsboro, W. Va.—The selective draft will leave only foreigners in this steel mill town. Of the 650 registrants here it has been found that 700 are aliens who are exempt from military service. Practically every physically fit American will be taken in the first National army.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once, and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

"WE WON'T WIN IF WE WASTE"

Tested Wartime Recipes

FOR USE IN MICHIGAN

To the Housewives of Michigan:

The following recipes have been prepared and tested at the Michigan Agricultural College under the supervision of Dr. C. C. White, member of the executive committee of the Michigan food conservation service. They are practical, economical, and of first-class dietary value.

These may have been prepared with special care to be utilized to the greatest possible extent in this section of the country being taken into special account.

They are a practical method by which each woman can assist the great movement to SAVE FOODS TO USE them. Help the cause. Help win the war.

GEORGE A. PRESCOTT,
Michigan Food Director.

POTATO BREAD.

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Straight-Dough Method.

2 lbs. boiled and peeled potatoes (equivalent to about 3 3/4 lbs. water and 3 cups flour); 2 1/4 pounds bread flour; 1 1/2 level T. salt; 3 level T. sugar; 2 cakes compressed yeast; 4 T. water.

Clean, thoroughly and well, without paring, 12 potatoes of medium size, allowing them to become very soft. Pour off the water, peel and mash the potatoes while hot, being careful to leave no lumps. Take 3 lbs. or 5 solidly packed half-pint cups of mashed potato, and when at the temperature of luke-warm water add to it the yeast, rubbed smooth with 3 tablespoons of lukewarm water. Rinse the cup in which the yeast was mixed with another tablespoon of water and add to the potato. Next add the salt, the sugar, and about 4 ounces of the flour or 1 scant half-pint of sifted flour. Mix thoroughly with the hand, but do not add any more water at this stage. Let this mixture rise until it has become very light, which should take about two hours if the sponge is at a temperature of about 80 degrees F. To this well-risen sponge, which will now be found to be very soft, add the remainder of the flour, kneading thoroughly until a smooth and elastic dough has been formed. The dough must be very stiff, since the boiled potato contains a large amount of water, which causes the dough to soften as it ferments. Therefore add no more water to the dough unless it is absolutely necessary. Set back to rise until it has trebled in volume which will require another hour or two. Divide the dough into four parts, moisten them separately, and place in greased pans which have been warmed slightly. Allow the loaves to rise until they have doubled in volume and bake for 45 minutes.

MOIST CHOCOLATE CAKE.

1 1/2 C butter; 1 1/2 C sugar; 4 eggs; 1 1/2 C chocolate, melted; 1 1/2 C sweet milk; 1 C sifted flour; 1 3/4 T baking powder; 1/2 T cinnamon; 1 1/2 t. mace or nutmeg; 1 1/2 t. cloves; 1 1/2 C walnut meats, chopped fine; whites of 2 eggs beaten dry.

Cream the butter. Add the first half cup of sugar. Beat yolks of eggs. Beat in second half cup of sugar. Beat the two mixtures together. Add potato. Add chocolate. Add spices and baking powder to flour. Add milk and flour alternately. Add walnut meats. Fold in egg whites. Bake in loaf. Do not add any frosting to this cake.

CREAMED-SWEET POTATOES.

6 small sweet potatoes; 2 T salt; 2 eggs; 1 1/2 T sugar; 3 T butter; 3 T flour; 3 C milk.

Remove the skins of cooked sweet potatoes and cut each into four pieces. Place the potatoes in a baking dish. Make sauce of milk, butter, flour, sugar, salt; beat the eggs and add slowly to the hot sauce. Pour over the sweet potatoes. Bake in a slow oven until mixture thickens. Do not let cook until the mixture curdles. This could be used in place of a meat dish.

GLAZED SWEET POTATOES.

6 medium-sized sweet potatoes; 1 1/2 C brown sugar; 1 1/2 C water; 1 1/2 T butter or oleo.

Remove the skins of cooked sweet potatoes and cut in halves lengthwise. Arrange in a buttered pan. Make a syrup by boiling the sugar and water for three minutes. Add the butter. Brush potatoes with syrup and bake until brown, basting with remaining syrup. Serve in a hot, covered dish.

BROWNED SWEET POTATOES.

6 medium-sized sweet potatoes, 2 T sugar; 2 T butter.

Cut in halves lengthwise. Cook the tops of the potatoes with the butter. Sprinkle slightly with the sugar. Place in a hot oven and bake until nicely browned.

BOILED SWEET POTATOES.

1. Select potatoes of same size; 2. scrub clean; 3. Drop into boiling water; 4. When done, drain off the water and shake over the fire until dry.

NOTE.—In all of these recipes all measurements are level, and T equals tablespoon, t equals teaspoon, C equals cups, f. equals few grains, f. d. equals few drops.

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Celebrity sells dearly what we think she gives.—Emile Sorenson.

The Man Who Wears the Olive Drab.

Some say that I'm a loafer, Some say that I'm a bum; Because I joined the army. (This rule applies to some.)

But if they'd stop and think a bit, They'd go a little slow In condemning of the soldier Who was not afraid to go.

I had a home and many friends, As good as any one of you, But at the call I left them all, For the flag we all love true.

There's mechanics, doctors, lawyers, From village, farm and town, But now that they're a soldier, They're looked on with a frown.

By those who are absent-minded, Who have no one in the fray, They have no one to think about.

No friends who went away.

But what they think it matters not, I'll tell you candidly, For home and friends are waiting, Which means all the world to me.

GEORGE A. PRESCOTT,
Michigan Food Director.

WARM WEARING APPAREL

For Winter Wear

Wear
Wearing
Apparel

This is a season when warm, comfortable wearing apparel is going to be a necessity. When the winter blasts appear, the body must be kept comfortable. Carelessness in this regard is the breeder of colds, pneumonia and other illness.

BESIDES IT IS CHEAPER TO KEEP WELL THAN TO BECOME ILL.

Mackinaws and Pants

The Well-Known Soo Line.

Heavy Wool Socks

Your feet will be comfortable in a pair of our warm, wool socks. We have lighter weight socks and stockings for any and all occasions.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

The Pioneer Store

PROBATE NOTICE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at

the probate office in the village of

Grayling, in said county, on the

7th day of November A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Oscar Palmer, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of James Smith, deceased.

Hannah J. Smith having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to John J. Niedner or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 30th day of November, A. D. 1917, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

OSCAR PALMER,
Judge of Probate.

[A true copy.]

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11-15-3

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A. M. LEWIS

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Mrs. Frank Woodruff and daughter, Mrs. Gould spent last week in Bay City.

Carl Peterson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson last Friday.

Mrs. William Blaine of Beaverton is in the city for a few days' visit with old friends.

Mrs. Thomas Brisboe visited in Bay City last Saturday, returning on the evening train.

A special session of the County board of supervisors is called for Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Miss Edith Alstrom spent Sunday visiting her sister, Miss Rhene Alstrom in East Jordan.

Dr. C. A. Canfield and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis drove to Gladwin Sunday and returned home Tuesday.

Edna Mosher has returned home from Fowlerville, she says to start divorce proceedings and to settle other business matters.

George C. Holliday of St. Charles, here for a few days' deer hunting, and is a guest of his brother, John A. Holliday and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Streli of Manistique visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Brown here last Friday, and also friends.

Please take notice that our telephone number has been changed to 1553, mark it in your book. Peter F. Jorgenson's Livery Barn. 11-12

The Ladies' National League is being entertained this afternoon by Miss Mabelle Katzbuck at her home, assisted by Mesdames Collen, Austin, Hayes, and Holliday.

The Citizen's band are giving a series of dancing parties, that are being very much enjoyed, especially by the young people. One last Friday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Sarah Phelps returned last week from a visit with friends in West Branch. She was accompanied home by Mrs. J. W. Livingstone, who spent a few days here visiting at the J. C. Burton home.

Miss Salome Friberg, returned last Friday morning to her home in Chico, after having spent the summer here. Miss Friberg with her mother spent their summers here on account of the former's health. Mrs. Friberg expects to remain a couple of weeks longer.

Mrs. Scott, wife of Supervisor Oliver B. Scott, of South Branch township, was operated upon for appendicitis at Mercy hospital here yesterday. Latest reports are that the operation was successful and the patient getting along nicely.

Mrs. Charles Amidon is visiting her son, Ray and family in Flint.

Why not get that watch from Hathaway's? On time if you prefer.

Charles Phillips of West Branch spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Eso Milnes and family visited his mother, Mrs. O. Milnes the latter part of the week.

John Lamotte left Tuesday morning for Detroit to find employment. His wife and baby will go later.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Colter November 3, a baby girl, mother and child are doing nicely.

Ernest Richards has purchased the Max Landsberg pool room and restaurant and took possession today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Amidon of Flint are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kathryn Maxine, born Nov. 14th.

Mrs. John Kelly of Bay City is in the city and will remain for some time with her husband who is employed in the R. Hanson & sons mill as filer.

Do you desire the best corset for durability, style and comfort? Drop a card to Mrs. J. H. McKone, the Spirella corsetiere in Grayling, and she will answer in person at once.

Justice William McCullough is in Grand Rapids where he is receiving treatment for a cancer of the lip. He was accompanied by his son, George, who returned home after a few days.

All ladies having articles for the Ladies' Aid fair, that is to be held in Danebod hall next week Wednesday, are requested to send them to the home of Mrs. T. W. Hanson next Monday please.

There is nothing that is so important to you as your eye-sight. Place it above money value. We aim to give perfection in lenses and mountings rather than to cheapness in dollars and cents.

Miss Blanche Blondin left Saturday for Detroit to take the State examination for nurses, having completed her course here at the Mercy Hospital training school, and also having taken post-graduate course in a children's hospital in Detroit.

James W. Sorenson, agent for the Scandinavian line steam ships has received notice from the Company that S. S. "Helsing Olav" will sail from New York for Scandinavian points Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 2:00 p. m. This is a special notice for people to get out their Xmas mail at once.

There was a meeting of the stockholders of the local lumber companies here yesterday. Those from out of the city in attendance were O. S. Hawes, F. C. Burden, Frank and Axel Michelson of Detroit and E. J. Cornwall of Saginaw. Last evening they enjoyed a dinner party at Shoppengon's Inn.

Scott Leader of Detroit was in the city last Monday on business and incidentally calling on many old friends. This is his first visit here since moving to Detroit three years ago. He is looking fine, and says he likes Detroit very much. While here Mr. Leader sold his residence on Ottawa street to Tony Nelson.

Special Holiday offer—Plate and 100 engraved cards for \$1.50. This is the price you paid five years ago, before the enormous raise in prices of all commodities. This offer will close December 15. Don't wait but order at once and assure yourself against disappointment or late delivery. Avalanche office.

Prof. Otterbein gave the Boy Scouts a nice compliment, when he told the audience at the close of the Y. M. C. A. mass meeting at the school house, Monday evening, that the improved order in the halls was due to their vigilance. One trouble is we don't trust our Scouts enough with responsibility. They are worthy and ever-ready to shoulder responsibility in any worthy cause.

The Board of education has been extremely fortunate in prevailing upon Mrs. Otterbein to take up the work of teaching physical education in the schools. She has had special training in this branch of work at Mt. Pleasant Normal college and is splendidly equipped for this work. Physical training had been dropped in our schools because of the lack of a qualified teacher since Mr. Bungdaag withdrew from his contract, to teach in the Greenfield, Ohio, schools.

William Burt of Beaver Creek, has re-opened the Nels Olson livery and feed stables on Cedar street, and is now doing business. Since Mr. Olson closed out the business last spring, Grayling has been without a feed stable, much to the inconvenience of the farmers and others coming to the city. Mr. Burt says that he has eight horses ready for business. They will

also do teaming, hauling and a general feed business, and have horses for sale. Frank Millikin of Beaver Creek is assisting him in the work.

Friends of Hardin-Sweeney will be pleased to learn of his rapid advancement in the military service of the country. One year ago he was a private in Uncle Sam's regular army; in December he won a second-lieutenant's commission; early last spring he passed and was commissioned a first lieutenant; and now he has successfully passed examination for captain, and awaits commission, which by this time he may have already received.

This is a remarkable record for a young man of 21 years. "Capt." Sweeney is a graduate of Grayling schools, class of 1915, and was a former employee in the Avalanche office. He was especially keen in mathematics, his class mates say, and this no doubt has assisted him in his military career.

We stated once before that we hoped that some day he would become a "General" and we haven't changed our minds. Go after 'em, "Cyclone."

CALLED FOR MILITARY DUTY.

3rd Contingent Crawford County Boys to Leave Here Nov. 21.

Third contingent of Crawford county boys for the National Army are ordered to report in Grayling at 9:00 a. m. Thursday Nov. 22.

After reporting the men will then be under direct orders of the War department. A public meeting is being planned for the evening of that day to be held in the school auditorium, when a program will be rendered appropriate to the occasion.

Following are the names of those called to report:

John Middleton.

Lemuel C. Corning.

Stanley Plekna.

Daniel C. Babbitt.

Daniel H. Williams.

Thomas McGuire.

William T. E. Fruitt.

John D. Lammion.

Ford Middleton.

Patrick V. O'Regan.

Walter S. Shaw.

Five alternates are called to be on hand and in case any of the regularly called men fail, for any reason, to report, their numbers will be made up from the following:

Floyd L. Taylor.

Ed McDermid.

Robert Roblin.

Herbert Trudeau.

Gilbert Cram.

A special train to carry the men to Camp Custer, at Battle Creek is due to arrive here at 11:35 p. m. of the same day.

The meeting at the school house is public and everybody earnestly requested to be on hand to give the boys a good send-off.

Goodfellowship Club Notes.

The second meeting of the Club was held at the home of Mrs. George Alexander.

Roll call: Lessons of the summer.

It was voted to send \$2.00 to the Lloyd Starr Commonwealth for boys.

Also to have this matter presented to the other clubs of the town.

Moved and carried that the president appoint a committee to draw up resolutions to be sent to the sheriff—recommending that inasmuch as women and children are annoyed and traffic held up on account of men lounging and loitering on certain corners of our main street, that he do his utmost to clear the walk, and keep them in a fit condition for pedestrians, and that he instruct his officers to do the same.

Moved and carried that resolutions be sent to the Boy Scouts, offering our co-operation, as well as confidence in their ability to sell the Xmas tuberculosi seals.

Report of the State Federation was read by Mrs. Schumann.

Press Sec.

Auto Owners Please Note.

The Department of State, charged with collecting the State tax on motor vehicles, would be glad if those interested in registering cars by January 1st would send in their applications at once.

Holding back until January, by those who want plates immediately, imposes a great task on the Department and occasions delay and discomfort that can readily be avoided if applications are sent in this month or early in December. All those who will require plates are urged to take prompt action as suggested.

Our Branch Office, 200 Majestic Building, Detroit, is prepared to issue plates to those who call, but not by mail. Mail orders should be sent to Department at Lansing.

This Department has nothing to do with the collection of the U. S. Federal tax. Applications can be secured now at the offices of village, city, county clerks, sheriffs, and all garages.

Now.

For the year 1917 to November 1st, registration under the Motor Vehicle Law was as follows:

Pleasure cars.....205,557

Commercial cars.....19,518

Chaffeurs.....19,651

Transfers.....10,882

Motor Cycles.....8,885

Mrs. & Dealers.....850

Motor tax collected \$2,469,812.08.

3,000 Men Wanted in Quartermaster Section Enlisted Reserve Corps.

"The Quartermaster Enlisted Reserve corps require in the neighborhood of 3000 men to serve as clerks, blacksmiths, farriers, horsehoers, saddlers, storekeepers, tentmakers, wheelwrights, wagonmaster, assistant wagonmasters, skilled laborers, watchmen, packers, etc.

Any man between the ages of 18 and 42 is eligible for enlistment, provided he has not been called by his local board for examination, and is physically qualified.

Teamsters are especially wanted.

Promotion in non-commissioned officers grades are very rapid for men of ability and experience in their particular trade.

There is being established near Jacksonville, Florida, a camp for the training of Quartermaster Enlisted men and it is contemplated sending all men enlisted in the Quartermaster corps to that camp for training in Quartermaster corps work.

Further information and application blank will be gladly furnished on request to Ralph B. Lewis, Captain, Q. M. U. S. R.

Room 225, Federal Building, Chicago, Ill.

Methodist Episcopal Church Notes.

Services are held in the "Danebod"

every Sunday. Morning service at 10:30 o'clock. Evening at 7:00 o'clock.

COMFORT FOR THE SOLDIERS.

DuPont Employees Make Up Fund For Xmas Smokes.

For a brief time the Avalanche conducted a tobacco fund department for benefit of American soldiers in France. This was discontinued several weeks ago and the account closed up, after most successful free-will donations.

However some of the boys at the DuPont plant felt that they wished to add a little cheer for the boys in the trenches and thru the assistance of T. W. Fenton collected the neat sum of \$5.25 to be applied to the tobacco fund.

The subscriptions were received by the Avalanche Monday and that night the list of names of the donors and the amount donated were on their way to the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., 212 Fifth Ave., New York City, who will do the rest. We hope the packages will reach the boys in time for Xmas.

Those who have never enjoyed the "weed" will never know the comfort that is derived from smoking. Especially so when one is on foreign soil, far from friends and home comforts. Really it is fine of the DuPont men to think of a Xmas donation. Whether the donors ever hear from the recipients of the packages or not, they may rest assured that their kindness is fully appreciated.

Following is the list of donors for the Xmas tobacco fund; all of whom are employed at the DuPont plant in this city:

August Velders, L. B. Howard, A. Lagrow, Louis LaMotte, Jr., Roy N. Case, Ebbon Lagrow, Dolph Charron, Barney Penn, Wm. H. Johnston, George Willet, Julius Geline, Otto Staudacker, Louis Larson, Francis McDermid, Arthur Ostrander, John Deb, Glenn Owen, Joe LaDuc, Clayton Tennant, and T. W. Fenton.

Amusement for Everyone.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church will hold their bazaar next Wednesday, Nov. 21, at the Danebod hall.

Don't forget to come and bring the kiddies. There will be a booth just for the children. Balloons by the hundred, all sizes and colors; doll's dresses; coats and hats; popcorn balls; and many other things to please the babies.

Another booth will contain knitting bags—plain and fancy, and many of them beautiful and rich. Any woman will be proud to carry one of these bags.

Still another booth will hold all kinds of canned fruit, jam, jellies, pickles, etc. Add to your winter supplies.

Then there will be booths containing fancy articles, aprons of all sizes and styles, rag rugs, kitchen holders, and many other useful articles.

In the evening coffee and sandwiches will be served and there will be a fine musical program. The boys New Orchestra will play several selections. Miss Yull will play piano—selections and there will be a chorus of little folks to sing, "The American Tipperary."

Ladies bring your husbands in the evening—let them have their fortunes told by a real palmist. Last of all but not least—"Ye old times village post office." Come and hear the funny local jokes and receive your parcel post packages, and have your post cards read before the audience. Two charming ladies will

The Protector of Finance

Tales of Resilius Marvel, Guardian of Bank Treasure

By WELDON J. COBB

MY LADY VITRIOL

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There was no shadow of a doubt in my mind as I entered the offices of the United Bankers' Protective Association that Resilius Marvel was studying out a new "case." He nodded to me in an abstracted way. On the glass-slubbed table before him were a dozen or more little rolled-up wads of paper. I knew they represented puppets he had been moving about, shaking up, almost talking to, almost making them talk to him—separating, combining, analyzing, in fact in knowing facts, with a sieve of probability.

"I think I've got it," he said, sweeping his fingers from the table with an air of precision and finality. "You have come in at the bush, probably. You were in at the start, so you will have a glimmering idea of what it is all about when I speak one word—Ransome."

"That is suggestive," I told Resilius Marvel, "but scarcely enlightening. I fancied that Alison Ransome was a closed chapter in the suppressed sensations of local banking circles."

"What! with one hundred thousand dollars unaccounted for, and the gas placed with all hands around?" decried the great one. "Hardly!"

Ransome had been anybody's friend and everybody's favorite. He had broken into banking about a year previous in the eager, rollicking fashion of a college lad full of financial theories and expecting some day to gain a presidency in a jump. His uncle was the big man in the Unity National bank, and Alison skipped over messenger service, "the books," and the currency-pen in a very brief period, and had charge of the ponderous and opulent money vaults with three men to help him fill an easy job.

Then one day a big sensation was born at the Unity National. Ransome and a bank policeman who had left the institution two hours previous, the former handcuffed to a treasure satchel, returned both of them white-faced and scared looking. They bore the satchel casually enough now, for one side of it showed a circular gash with half the surface flapping loose, and emptiness where there had been fifty thousand dollars in neatly packed and labeled national bank notes.

In a word, this happened: A bank at Elverton, a suburb twenty miles out, had made a special deposit of the money noted, subject to call and personal delivery when required. It was a special fund and a larger sum in ready cash than the suburban bank cared to risk carrying. Besides that the transaction was trusted by the Unity National. The call of that morning had been anticipated for several days. Ransome was deputized to deliver the money and bring back a receipt.

He never qualified for the receipt and he and his guard never got as far as the suburban bank. Once aboard the train and occupying one seat together in order to rest comfortably—the handout—was unlocked and the satchel was set on the car floor. The guard retained hold of the end of the chain, and Ransome set his feet firmly on the satchel so it could not be budged without his knowing it.

He behaved, in spite of all their precision, as they neared the end of their brief journey and hit the satchel to rebound it to the wrist of Ransome; it was discovered empty.

That is some one occupying the seat directly behind them had reached under the tilting footrack, had inserted a keen steel blade within the leather receptacle and had quietly lifted out its contents. The train had stopped at all local stations, so the clever thief might have left the train at any one of six stops.

Not a soul recalled even noticing the missing passenger. The shoe knife was found on the car floor. Also a cane, light and somewhat peculiar as to its end fitting—of which more anon. It was now in the possession of the man who had reawakened in my mind the little history I am trying to epitomize in my struggling, faulty way.

Neither money nor thief was found. No possible blame could attach to young Ransome, it marked him with a big loss to his record. Then followed a happening that placed him in the "hoodoo" class. It was in connection with the bank cash reserve, the real strength and sinew of the institution, kept sacred and apart within the holy of holies of the Unity National. When foreign capitalists visited the bank, or it was policy and business to impress a client, or ruralite correspondents were in evidence, it was the practice to show them over the institution, winding up with a view of the treasures of the great inner vault, where real money was really kept.

As in all large banks the Unity National maintained its actual cash reserve in permanent form. Thus there were packages representing \$10,000, \$50,000, even \$100,000. In these the notes were of large denominations, mostly \$100, \$1,000, and some \$10,000 bills. To facilitate the work of the bank examiner, these packages were originally verified and sealed at the local sub-treasury and stamped as to amount officially. When the government examiner visited the bank he would simply count the packages, accepting their stamped value, tossing them aside and aggregating amounts, even one and I the small change for a dollar.

One day it was necessary to use a large amount of the reserve cash, a \$50,000 package included in the aggregate was found to contain, instead of fifty \$1,000 bills, exactly fifty ones. That package had been passed from hand to hand for over a year, its stamped value always accepted without hesitation. The cord enclosing it, duly covered with government seals, was apparently all right. There was

"It looks like a screwdriver point," I remarked.

"Yes," nodded my friend, "this cane is a masked screwdriver. About three months since a man, later giving the name of William Goldsmith, started to leave a street car. In doing so his foot met an obstruction. He plunged forward, struck the floor and was lifted out to the street to await the ambulance, having suffered a dislocated shoulder. The company was glad to settle with him for fifteen hundred dollars. Investigation showed that a screw holding a metal plate to the bottom of the car had come loose and worked up nearly its length. The charge of negligence against the railway company, therefore, was patent. I heard of the case quite incidentally, but when I did two points suggested immediately interested me. I had on my list an ambulance-chaser, worker who had been an acrobat, and who had the power of throwing his shoulder or hips out of joint to order. His graft was to work accident, street car and insurance companies, and when the cane was shown me I guessed that his end had been used to lift the screw in the car floor so as to give the schemer an opportunity to stumble over something. When I ran down this alleged William Goldsmith and had a look at him, I recognized him as an old-timer long off the local books, but now apparently returned to his former harvest fields. He had come back, it seemed, with a new repertoire, the former prize dodge was the lost eye."

Resilius Marvel had been called in. It took him a day to decide that nobody in the bank had worked the substitution. When he came to examine the wrapper that had enclosed the substituted bills, he found that it had been a discarded covering for some other package at one time, such as were thrown into the waste room. The figures had been changed, but the official stamp helped through the imposition. As to the seals, they had been broken in opening the package, so their recent real condition could not be estimated.

At the time I was a silent lounger in a dark corner in Marvel's private office when he held a rapid fire colloquy with this same Alison Ransome. I felt sorry for the young fellow, for he was so artless, so distressed, so clear in his statement, that there was not a false note palpable in what he said. He had brought the visitor's register with him. Spread out on the glass-topped table where I now confronted Marvel, the twain went over it line by line.

There were foreign and sight-seeing visitors, soon disposed of. The representatives of country banks came under censure with no results warranting suspicion. Every name on the register was tallied off with satisfaction until they came to a delicate line announcing Miss Vera Tichenor.

"Credited to whom?" Marvel had challenged, keeping his finger on the penciled initials after the name and looking Ransome squarely in the face who flushed like a schoolboy and blurted out:

"Myself."

I noticed Marvel just then start slightly.

"A friend—a relative?"

"A friend, yes," answered Ransome; "well, I might better say an acquaintance. I knew the lady only casually at the time. She expressed a wish to go through the bank and, of course I had to be courteous. Then she brought a friend. She was very much interested in bank details, saying her father and her uncle had been in that line once."

"Tall, fair," intimated Marvel, and knew he was prompted to pursue the topic by the visitor, thought noted.

"Tall, fair—very fair," acceded the young fellow, with almost a sigh. "Light blue eyes—one disfigured?"

"Why, no," exclaimed Ransome, with a hard stare. "What a strange question to ask sir! Blue eyes! Disfigured?" Indeed, no, the eyes blacked out.

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ACID POISONING!

The most eminent physicians recognize that uric acid stored up in the system is the cause of gout and rheumatism, that this acid is also present in the joints, muscles, or nerves. By experimenting and analysis at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce discovered a combination of which he called Anuric, which drives out the uric acid from the system, and in this way the pain, swelling and inflammation subside. If you are a sufferer from rheumatism, have you tried this? There can obtain Anuric, double strength, and a large store and get relief from the pains and fits brought about by uric acid; or send Dr. Pierce for trial price. Anuric which will find more potent than little and eliminate any acid that water melts sugar. A short trial will convince you. Send a sample of your water to Dr. Pierce and it will be tested free of charge.

Anuric is a regular insurance and life-insurer for all big meat eaters and those who deposit lime salts in their joints.

Horseshoe Proven Man's Age.

A man's age was decided in a peculiar manner before a Greenwich, England, court recently. The military authorities claimed that a man, George Frederick Grander, was not forty-three years old, and therefore still liable for service. The man's defense was that he was past his forty-third birthday. In support of this defense he stated that he was born on June 8, 1874, the day George Frederick won the Derby, and that he was named after the horse. The defense was accepted, and the man was discharged.

Mixed.

Peggy, aged three, is a very appreciative little soul, but she has a lineage all her own.

One afternoon the sun went down in a blaze of glory and Peggy stood gazing at it with blinking eyes.

"Oh, mother," she gasped, "what a grandfathers sky!"

Unusual.
"See anything unusual on your trip?"

"Yes. At one of the places where I stopped I found a ticket agent who didn't seem annoyed when I asked for a ticket."

Time gets away from an old man just as quickly as money does from a young one.

Island of Mindoro.
So prolific was the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines at one time in the production of rice that it was popularly called "the granary of the Philippines." Sugar, cotton, hemp, and other crops thrive on the island, when properly cultivated. Yet its economic conditions are extremely backward, and a large part of its population is in a constant state of poverty. It has altogether about 33,000 inhabitants. Among these are 18,000 Tagalogs, 7,200 Mangyan, 2,000 Visayans, and of Ilocanos less than 1,000. Of the whole over 7,000 are pronounced savages; a large proportion of the remainder are densely ignorant.

Wooster, O., is consolidating municipal offices and abolishing several jobs.

CLEVELAND NEWS

Cleveland, Ohio.—Anuric has certainly been of wonderful help in relieving my limbs and joints of rheumatic pains. At the time I commenced to take Anuric I had sharp pains in my shoulders; my knee joints were so bad that they made a cracking noise as I walked, and my right limb became so rheumatic that I could not depend upon it at all in going up or downstairs. Water was of a milky consistency and at times showed a brick-like sediment. Anuric has cured me of all these symptoms of kidney trouble and has restored me to a healthy physical condition once more. I would advise every man and woman who suffers with any kidney ailment to give Anuric a full trial. It will surely repay them.—MRS. ANNA MAYER, 6410 Woodland Ave.—Adv.

As Old as His Son.

Sixty days in the workhouse was the sentence, but it had nothing to do with the starting-up of the prisoner, standing before Judge Pugh to receive justice on a charge of assault, relates the Philadelphia Press.

The usual number of questions was asked. Then the judge inquired:

"Your father living?"

"Yes."

"How old is he?"

"Same age as me."

Judge Pugh glared.

"I still hold old is your father?"

"As old as I am, your honor."

"Take care!" warned the court.

"Now, answer properly."

"I have," said the prisoner. "He became my father the same day I became his son."

Teamster's Life Saved.

WRITES LETTER THAT IS WORTH READING VERY CAREFULLY.

Peterson Bros.: I was afflicted with a very severe sore-on-my-leg for years. I am a teamster. I tried all medicines and salves, but without success. I tried doctors, but they failed to cure me. I couldn't sleep for many nights from pain. Doctors said I could not live for more than two years. Finally Peterson's Ointment was recommended to me and by its use the sore was entirely healed. Thankfully yours, William Hansen, West Park, Ohio, Mar. 22, 1915, care P. G. Reitz, Box 199.

Peterson says: "I am proud of the above letter and have hundreds of others that tell of wonderful cures of Eczema, Piles and Skin Diseases."

Peterson's Ointment is 25 cents at all druggists, and there isn't a broad minded druggist in America that won't praise it.

After December 1st, Peterson's Ointment 30¢. Adv.

Gave Her a Tip.

It was her first voyage, and she had made herself disliked by the officers because of her many foolish questions. It fell to the lot of the steward to sit down to her.

"Doesn't this ship tip a good deal, sir?" she asked that official.

"Perhaps it does, madam; it is no doubt trying to set a good example to the passengers."

\$100 Reward, \$100

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. It therefore requires constitutional treatment. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is the only article that can be used to cleanse the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE destroys the foundation of the disease, the natural strength by improving the general health and assists nature in doing its work. \$100.00 for any case of CATARRH. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE calls for a cure. Druggists see. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Higher Authority.

"Mr. Brown's outside," said the new office boy. "Shall I show him in?"

"Not on your life!" exclaimed the junior partner. "I owe him ten dollars."

"Show him in," calmly said the son of the firm. "He owes me twenty-five dollars."—Harper's Monthly.

Long Distance Cry.

Mamma—Now be a good little girl and stop crying.

Ruth (three years old)—Me won't stop crying till papa hears me.

Mamma—But he can't hear you; he's in New York.

Ruth—Don't I just have to call you on the telephone.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the *Signature of Dr. Fletcher* in use for over 30 years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

His Profession.

"How your patient does keep up nurse."

"Yes, sir. He's an aviator."

The Sort.

"Jagger regards local option with a sort of tigerish rage."

"Yes; a blind-tigerish rage."

From Florida.

Suit Case—Ever travel South?

Alligator Bag—Sure thing; that was my old home, you know.

Don't overdo anything. Too much gratitude takes on the appearance of expectation.

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A Letter From Washington

The Food Administrator Writes Us:

"The use of baking powder breads made of corn and other coarse flours instead of patent wheat flour is recommended by the Conservation Division of the Food Administration. The wheat needed for export is thus conserved, and at the same time healthful food for our own people is provided. The circulation of recipes providing for these uses would be of assistance in carrying out our plans."

The following recipes for Corn Bread and Rye Rolls save wheat flour and make attractive and wholesome food for everyday when made with

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CORN BREAD

1 1/2 cups corn meal
1/2 cup flour
4 level teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons shortening

Mix thoroughly dry ingredients; add milk and melted shortening; heat well; pour into well-greased pan and bake in hot oven about 25 minutes.

Our red, white and blue booklet "Best War Time Recipes" containing additional similar recipes sent free on request. Address Royal Baking Powder Company, Dept. H, 135 William Street, New York.

RYE ROLLS

2 cups rye flour
1/2 cup salt
4 level teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons shortening

Stir dry ingredients together, add milk and melted shortening; heat well; pour into well-greased pan and bake in moderate oven 20 to 25 minutes. Bake in moderate oven 20 to 25 minutes.

"UP TO YOU" SAYS EMPY

Arthur Guy Empy, American boy who went into the British army after the Lusitania disaster, who served two years, who came back to write that great book "Over the Top," says in America's greatest newspaper, the New York Times:

"Then," he went on, "with a change of tone, and with admiration in his voice that showed how he felt before he had got to the end of his sentence, "there is the Y. M. C. A. You people in America ought to do everything you can to help the Y. M. C. A. It is the real home of the American soldier in France. It can't give him his loved ones, but it gives him the comforts and interests and pleasures of home. It brings home to him there in the mud of the trenches. And those Association men aren't drawing any wonderful salaries, either; they are volunteers, and they are in the midst of the mud and the firing, as the soldiers are, to make the soldier comfortable and help him maintain the religion and the manliness that he had when he went into the war. The Y. M. C. A. doesn't make any distinction in any way—Protestant, Catholic, Jew, atheist, every one is welcome."

"Show me the soldier who makes a disparaging remark about the Y. M. C. A. or its work, and I'll show you a soldier who is a detriment to the army, who is constantly in trouble, and who has lost the respect of officers and mates. It's up to you people here at home to help the Y. M. C. A."

Have you done your bit?

Certain Cure for Croup.
Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says: "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds, with good results."

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford,
At a session of said court, held at the probate office, in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. Oscar Palmer, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of George W. Brott, deceased.

Alton Brott having filed in said court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, George W. Brott, now on file in said court be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said will and of said estate be granted to Alton Brott or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition:

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

OSCAR PALMER,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy,
OSCAR PALMER,
Judge of Probate.

11-15-3
Judge of Probate.

State of Michigan.

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery,
Nettie Hamel, Plaintiff,
vs.

Frederic Hamel, Defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1917, at the Village of Grayling, in the said County of Crawford.

It satisfactorily appears to the court that the affidavit of fact that a certain summons has been duly issued out of and under the seal of said court, for the appearance of said defendant herein, and that the same could not be served on said defendant, because that after diligent search and inquiry it could not be ascertained in what state of country the said defendant resides, or the whereabouts of said defendant learned, and that said chancery summons has been returned by the sheriff of said county with his certificate thereon endorsed that after diligent search and inquiry he was unable to find the said defendant within the state of Michigan or before the return day of said summons, on motion of James B. Ross, attorney for said plaintiff, IT IS ORDERED: That said defendant, Frederic Hamel, cause his appearance to be entered in this cause within three months after the date of this order, and in case of his appearance to cause his answer to be filed, and a copy thereof served upon the plaintiff's attorney, within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order, and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant.

And on like motion, it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof, the plaintiff cause a notice of this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Crawford, and that such publication be continued at least once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendant, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

And on like motion, it is further ordered, that the said plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be mailed to said defendant at his last known postoffice address, by registered mail, and a return receipt demanded, at least twenty days before the date herein prescribed for his appearance.

CHARLES H. FORD having filed in said court his petition, praying that the administration of said estate be granted to John J. Nelder or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 30th day of November, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition:

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy,
OSCAR PALMER,
Judge of Probate.

11-8-3
Judge of Probate.

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